



Key Dates and Hours

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[Updated 2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#)

October

15: KIPP Columbus Closed: Professional Development, No School

18: KIPP Columbus Campus Closed: Fall Break

Hours

The school day is from 8:50a -3:30p. Doors open and arrival will begin at 8:30a with students being tardy after 8:50a. **Please do not drop your child off prior to 8:30a on Agler Road or in the car rider line (as there is no one present to safely supervise them).** Dismissal begins at 3:30p.

Arrival:	8:30a - 8:50a
Dismissal:	3:30p
School Day:	8:50a - 3:30p

General Updates and Reminders

Linden Fresh Market and Charitable Pharmacy (1464 Cleveland Ave.)

We shared the soft opening of the new, free market in Linden several weeks ago. The Linden Fresh Market and Charitable Pharmacy is now fully open with times listed below!

Linden Fresh Market

- Free, fresh produce now available for families who qualify (at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level). If you have questions please call 614-715-4557 or email ibaез@4allpeople.net -- if you would like to volunteer please call 404-226-2822 or email cpadula@4allpeople.net.
- Hours:
 - Tuesday | Thursday | Friday: 12:00p - 4:00p
 - Wednesday | Saturday: 10:00a - 2:00p

Charitable Pharmacy

- Free medication for families who qualify (at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level). A phone appointment must be completed first by calling 614-298-4190 or visiting www.charitablepharmacy.org
- Hours:
 - Monday | Tuesday | Thursday | Friday: 9:00a-4:30p

TikTok Challenge Notice

You may be aware of TikTok challenges that have emerged, encouraging students across the country to do various things that range from disruptive/destructive to illegal. We continue to monitor this and encourage you to do the same.

The safety and well-being of our KIPP Columbus Team & Family is our top priority, and any/every incident will be handled seriously. It is important

for every KIPP student to understand the seriousness of these safety concerns and the potential school disciplinary actions (and more) that could follow should students participate.

Thank you for taking the time to connect with your child(ren), and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#). Your continued support and partnership is appreciated as we work together to ensure safe and supportive learning environments for every student and KIPP community member.

Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month Resources and Information:

[National Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
[Latino Center, Smithsonian](#)
[Events in Columbus 2021](#)

KIPP Columbus Athletics

We had another great week of athletics highlights from our Jaguars! Here are just a few:

- Football: Our Jaguar football team is looking to go on a 2 game winning streak after defeating Grandview Heights last Friday night 48-7. The Jaguars are ranked #7 in Division VI, Region 23. The Jaguars will be traveling to Canton Central Catholic Friday Night.
- Cross Country: Our Jaguar Cross Country team participated in their 3rd 5K race. One of our KIPPsters placed 2nd in teen males at the Big Wolfe 5K -- way to go, Jaguars!

Fall Sports Schedules and Streaming

The [21-22 Athletics calendar](#) has our up to date game schedules so you can follow our Jaguars and tune in [HERE](#) to see our Jaguars compete!

Nationwide Children's Hospital Wellness Challenge

NCH is holding a wellness challenge from October 4th through the 18th. On Monday, we will be emailing out and posting to social media the BINGO cards needed to participate in the challenge. See how many challenges you can complete together with your KIPPster before October 18th to be eligible to win a prize! More information is coming on Monday so stay tuned!

Late Bus Information

If you have questions or concerns about your child's route on a specific day, please call the Columbus City Schools (CCS) transportation hotline for support: 614-365-5074.

COVID-19 Updates and Reminders

COVID-19 Vaccinations <ACTION REQUESTED>

We are working to identify the vaccine status in our community to determine the best health & safety practices for our team & family this school year and beyond. KIPP Columbus currently does not require the COVID-19 vaccine, but we are asking families to share the vaccine status of their child(ren) who are 12+ in [this optional survey](#) no later than Monday, October 11th, 2021.

Last week, Governor DeWine announced the "[Ohio Vax-to-School](#)" program. Students 12-25 who are vaccinated will have the opportunity to win one of 5 \$100,000 college scholarships or 1 of 50 \$10,000 college scholarships. Sign-ups begin Monday, Oct. 4. Participants must sign up for the drawing, either at [ohiovax2school.com](#) or by calling 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For children under 18, parents or guardians will need to sign them up.

To learn more about where and how to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment for your child(ren) who are 12+ please click [HERE](#), and to learn more about the safety, efficacy, and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines please click [HERE](#).

As a reminder, students who are close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case outside of the classroom or school bus, but are vaccinated and asymptomatic do NOT have to quarantine. Unvaccinated students in this same scenario are required to quarantine.

Health & Safety Protocols and Key COVID-19 Information:

KIPP Columbus continues to follow the guidance of Columbus Public Health, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control when determining needed quarantines following a positive COVID-19 case. To learn more about the quarantine process and the process if your child becomes sick during the school day please visit this [KIPP Columbus Family Quarantine FAQ](#). Have any questions or ideas? [Click here](#) to share!

Please see additional information in the [2021-2022 Family Key COVID Information](#) overview.

- Automatic hand sanitizer dispensers in all classrooms and common areas

- Nationwide Children's Hospital Nurses on site
- Masking requirements
- Social distancing of 3 feet where practical (or more)
- School supplies provided for all students
- Amplified HVAC systems
- Air filters in all classrooms
- Safety shield (plexiglass) available for classrooms and common spaces
- Health kits in all classrooms
- Discontinued use of water fountains
- Limited campus access
- Additional cleaning and disinfection protocols

If your child(ren) has tested positive for COVID-19, please call our 24/7 COVID hotline at 614-966-0425 or email covid@kippcolumbus.org directly.

COVID Dashboard

As a reminder, KIPP Columbus continues to update the COVID-19 dashboard every Friday. To see the dashboard please visit www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus.

Masks

Everyone in our learning community (staff, students, partners) will be required to wear a mask at all times while indoors and on school buses. Masks are also required outdoors only when in crowded settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact.

Visitors | Guests

KIPP virtual (remote) meetings/gatherings will be considered where practical and whenever possible.

At this time, there will be limited campus/school access (indoors and outdoors) with access for only staff, students, student programmatic/service providers, families and partners. ALL visitors and guests must have a pre-scheduled appointment. To schedule an appointment, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher/school leader. Indoor large group gatherings outside of essential school functions (ex: lunch, arrival/dismissal) will not be occurring until further notice.

Outdoor gatherings are also discouraged, and if these occur, the use of masks, minimum of 3ft social distancing, limited capacity must be observed, and sanitizing practices must be in place. All procedures related to visitors/guests must also be observed. (more details/processes around this will be forthcoming.)

Visitors/guests are required to follow all health and safety protocols and processes (including masking requirements, social distancing etc.). Anyone visiting indoors must complete a health screening prior to entering any KIPP Columbus building, followed by signing in at the (school's) main office thereafter. Indoor meetings with visitors/guests will take place in designated meeting areas within schools. All plans/processes are subject to change.

Our Mission

Together with families and communities, we create joyful, academically excellent schools that prepare students with the skills and confidence to pursue the paths they choose - college, career, and beyond - so they can lead fulfilling lives and create a more just world.